

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hugh Sharkey and Gary S.                      Art Unit : 3735  
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Serial No. : 08/714,987  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF SOFT  
                    TISSUE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 4, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: